

REMARKS

Claims 16-30 remain in the application.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the amendments to the claims purportedly filed on May 19, 2004, are indicated as being non-compliant in that

“A. A complete listing of all claims is not present.”

The undersigned representative made attempts to contact Legal Instruments Examiner Theresa Okon, in order to clarify the nature of the non-compliance, but no telephone number was given for contact purposes and thus the undersigned was unable to reach the Examiner. Upon review of the Amendment, it appears that the only item missing in the status identifier is to the status of Claims 1-46.

The following status identifiers have been added:

Claims 1-15 and 31-46 have had the notation “(canceled)” added;

Claims 16-26 and 28-30 have had the notation “(original)” added; and

Claim 27 has had the notation “(amended)” changed to “(currently amended)”.

Further, the changes to the specification have been done to conform to present amendment practice.

Applicants urge that the claims are now compliant with the PTO requirements.

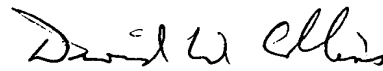
The Amendment remains unchanged, but for the changes noted above.

For the record, Applicants respectfully disagree that the Amendment filed was non-compliant. In fact, the Amendment mailed to the Patent Office on May 19, 2004, was a *copy* of an amendment filed on April 15, **2002**. The 2002 Amendment was timely received in the Patent Office, but apparently lost, as indicated in the Petition papers that accompanied the copy of the Amendment (showing filing in the Patent Office on April 15, 2002). That Amendment was provided as a *copy* in support of Applicants’ Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment. Nevertheless, in view of the fact that the Legal Instruments Examiner did not provide a telephone number to enable Applicants’ undersigned representative to contact her and discuss this matter with her, the application has been amended as indicated above. Applicants urge that an Amendment that was filed in a format that was correct at that time (namely, April 15, **2002**), should not be subject to present-time amendment requirements.

The application is considered to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to take such action. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number. HOWEVER, ALL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TO: IP ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL DEPARTMENT, M/S 35, HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY, P.O. BOX 272400, FORT COLLINS, CO 80527-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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